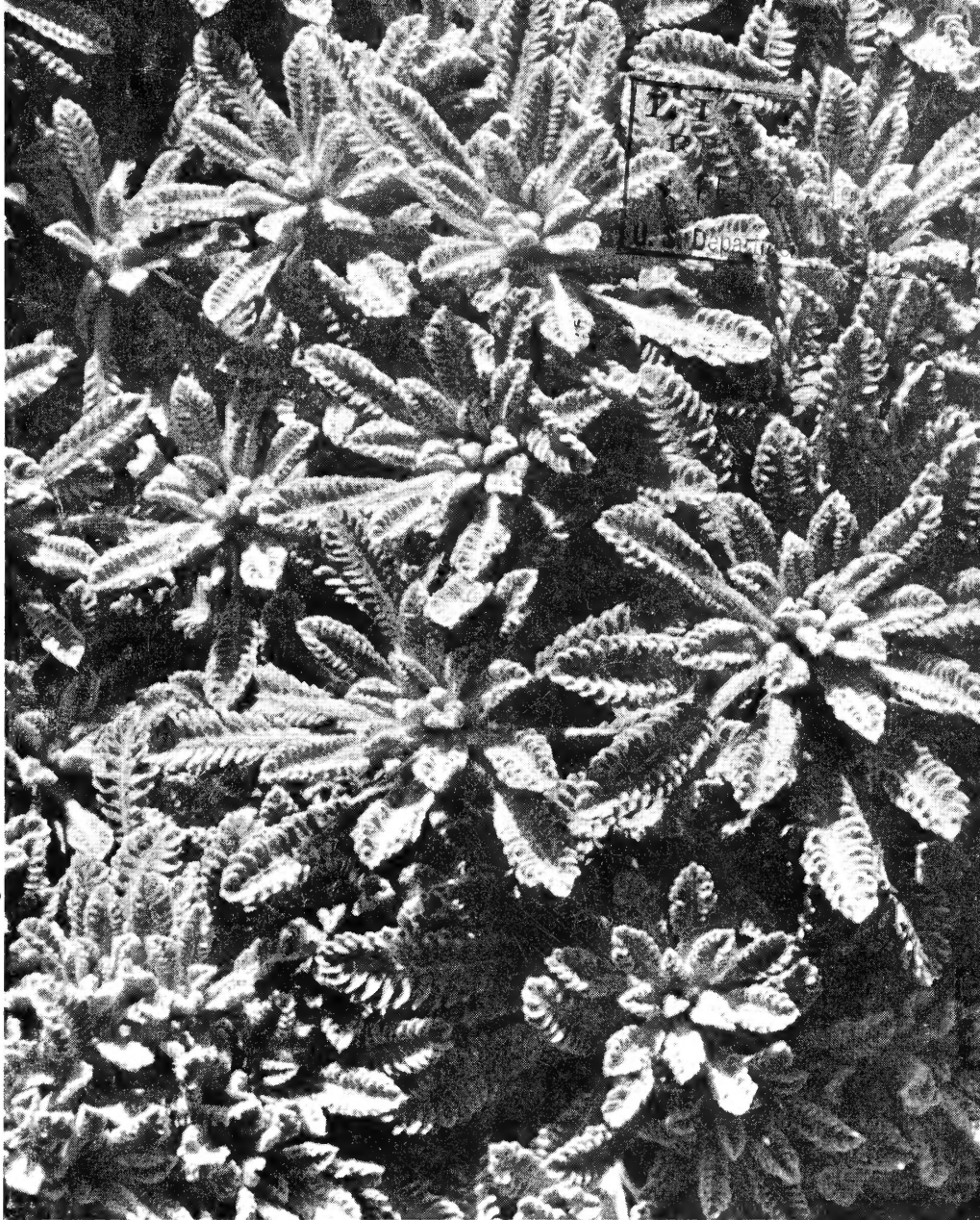


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Report to Our Customers

It is two years since our last report to you — and again we wish to express our thanks for all the interest and helpful suggestions.

We have one change in personnel, Richard A. Hall (Dick), who has taken Andy's place. Our Pancho is married and works here part time now.

We have transferred our news letter to the garden pages of the Palo Alto Times in order to reach more people. Watch for it.

Many interesting things have been added to our catalogue and we are trying out the use of a few pictures. Let us know if pictures or descriptions are more helpful.

We intend to publish a catalogue once every two years, so **HANG ON TO THIS ONE.**

Please do come throughout the year, whenever you can, to see the plants in bloom. For those who are not familiar with perennials, a look is worth hundreds of words of description.

Our hours are from 8:30 A.M. to 12 noon and 1 to 5 P.M. daily, except Mondays and legal holidays. In December and January, when you shouldn't be planting perennials anyway, we will be closed Sundays and Mondays.

Margaret Ward Truax
Margaret Stebbins

January, 1953

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE ORDERING

GUARANTEE—We warrant all of our stock to be healthy and as described. We do not assume any liability greater than the original purchase price of the plants. All claims must be made within five days of arrival.

No warranty is given pertaining to growth or behavior of plants after delivery, as conditions are beyond our control.

All prices subject to change without notice.

Practically all of our plants are grown in flats (when available), pots and cans. Unless otherwise noted the following standard prices prevail:—

Fts. (flats)\$3.70	4's (4-inch pots)70
2½'s or 3's (2½ or 3-inch pots)	.50	g.c. (gallon cans)90

MINIMUM ORDER — On orders for less than \$3.00, please add 45c for packing and handling charges. No C.O.D. Otherwise packing is free.

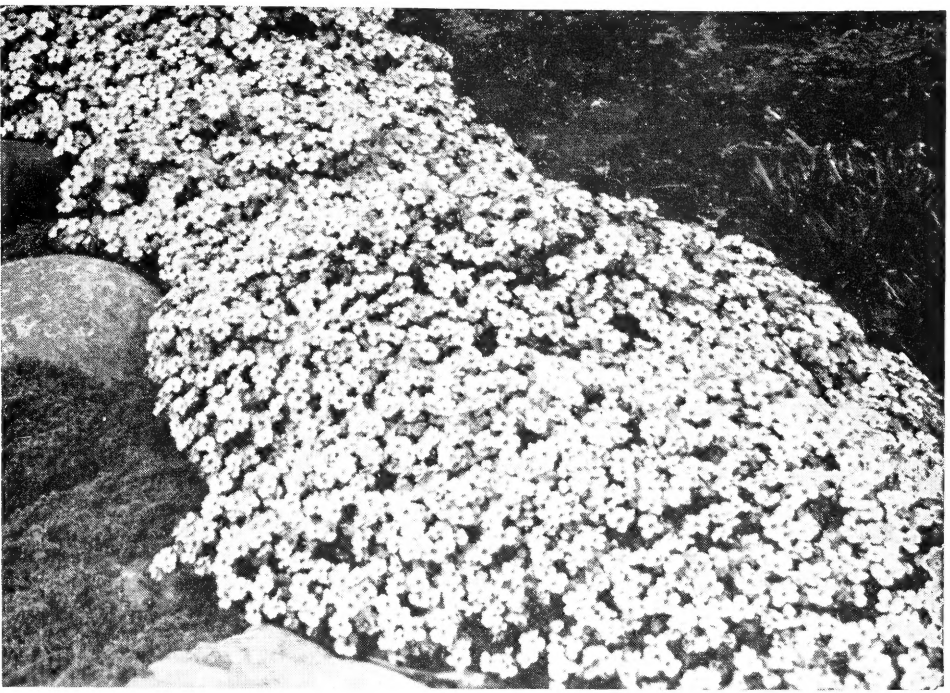
EXPRESS OR POSTAGE — Unless otherwise instructed we will ship Express collect. If you wish plants shipped Parcel Post please so state and include 15% of your order to cover postage. We refund promptly if too much postage is sent and bill you if the 15% is insufficient.

TIME OF SHIPMENT—is limited to spring and fall months and by availability of sizes and varieties at those times.

PLEASE—On all orders for delivery within California add 3% sales tax.

Your visit to our nursery to see these plants in bloom is very welcome.

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AUBRIETA—See Page 6

GENERAL LIST

Some of you have been disappointed to find no small sizes of the plants you want or to find us sold out. Since we can propagate most of our things only once a year and they will persist in growing bigger as time passes we cannot have small sizes all year round, nor can we always estimate correctly the demand for a particular plant and have it in stock all year. Therefore we are listing usually only one size (occasionally two). We will have smaller and sometimes larger sizes available part of the year — ask us.

ACHILLEA ageratifolia—an evergreen silver foliage edging plant with white flowers on 12 inch stems in spring. Not too much water on this and good drainage. 4's — 80c.

argentea—3-4 inch neat cut-leaf silvery mounds, effective all year with white flowers in summer. Does not like too much water. 4's — 80c.

filipendulina—3-4 feet, flat heads of yellow, summer, good cut flower, dries well. g.c.

taygetea—1½ ft., flat heads of sulphur yellow to cream, blooms spring to fall and has good cut-leaf grey foliage. A very handsome plant, excellent cut flower. g.c.

†*tomentosa*—Dwarf to 8 inches with dark green very cut foliage, yellow flowers all year if kept cut. 4's.

AETHIONEMA coridifolium (*Iberis jucunda*)—4-10 inches, blue-grey fine foliage and pink flowers in spring. 4's.

Warley Rose—4-6 inches, blue green needlelike foliage, rose-pink flowers, spring, like a miniature Dahpne, likes good drainage. 4's — 80c.

†**AJUGA reptans*—ground cover for shade, moisture, evergreen foliage, 3-4 inches, purple-blue spikes. Flats.

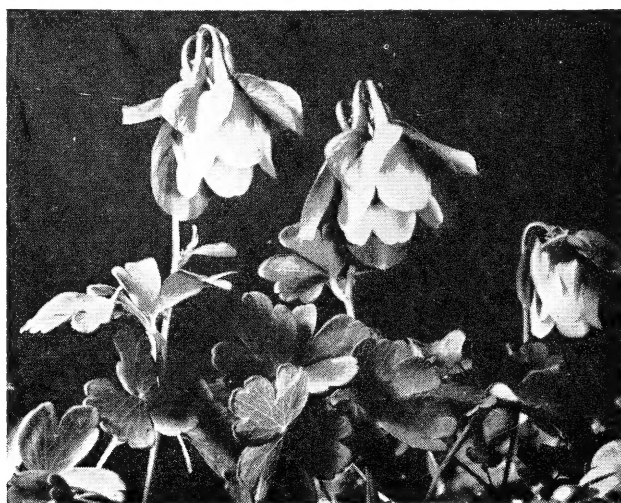
reptans alba—light green foliage, white flowers. Fts. — \$4.00.

reptans atropurpurea—bronze leaves, blue flowers. Fts. — \$4.00.

reptans variegata—leaves splashed and edged creamy white, blue flowers. Fts. — \$4.00.

* Indicates plants for shade. § Indicates herbs. † Indicates ground covers.

- ALYSSUM—to 1 foot, spring, grey foliage, profuse bloom. Shear back half of foliage after flowering. g.c.
saxatile—bright yellow.
saxatile citrinum—pale lemon-yellow.
saxatile fl. pl.—a double flowered form which, like most doubles, has a longer blooming season.
- ANTHEMIS *Moonlight*—to 2½ feet, blooms profusely all summer, finely cut foliage, good cut flower. Pale, almost cream yellow daisy, very fine new variety, g.c.



DWARF COLUMBINE

- *AQUILEGIA (Columbine)—to 3 feet, spring and early summer, ferny foliage, sun or shade. Should have old foliage cut to ground once or twice a year and will replace with clean fresh foliage in 2-3 weeks. We will try to have each year at least one good hybrid strain and some separate colors. Since separate colors are from seed, per cent of color accuracy cannot be guaranteed and many prefer to select when in bloom. g.c.
- ARABIS—all dwarf to 4 inches for edging or wall, white flowers, freely produced, early spring, sun, shear severely after flowering.
albida fl. pl.—covered with double white flowers, good cut. 4's. Fts. — \$4.50.
albida variegata—single white flowers. Its golden variegated foliage and neat habit make this a good color bet all year. 4's — 75c.
- ARENARIA *montana*—neat mounds 6-8 inches, profuse large white cups with flower stems slightly trailing, sun. 4's.
- §ARTEMISIA—with the exception of Tarragon the following are all grey foliage plants ranging in height from 10 inches to 4 feet and in grey tones from frosty white through silver to grey greens. All are handsome and useful in the garden—see various articles in Sunset Magazine. g.c. — \$1.00 except Tarragon 4's — 80c.
absinthium—grey-green much cut foliage, 2 feet.
albula Silver King—frost white sprays, good cut and dried for winter bouquets.
arborescens—grey much cut foliage, 3-4 feet.
Dracunculus (Tarragon)—the famous flavoring herb.
frigida Silver Mound—to 10 inches, sheer silver foam 12-15 inches across. Cut off flower heads to maintain symmetry.
pycnocephala—grey green very tight but feathery foliage, 2½ feet.

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ASTER ALPINUS



ASTER FRIKARTI WONDER OF STAFA

ASTERS (Michaelmas Daisies) —lovely autumn flowering plants, good cut, sun, cut to ground after flowering. May be pinched like Chrysanthemums to make compact growth. Best divided every other year. g.c.

HEIGHT 1-2 FEET:

Blue Cloud—lavender blue, profuse blooms in June and July. Cut back at once and get second bloom.

Jean—an English import 18-24 inches. Soft deep blue semi-double large flowers.

Marjorie—soft rose-pink to 1 foot in solid mass.

Peter Harrison—1½-2 feet, good pink, early, will bloom twice if cut back promptly after flowering.

HEIGHT 2-4 FEET:

Adorable—4 feet, large flower, deep clear pink.

Beechwood Challenger—3 feet, August-Sept., crimson red.

Harrington's Pink—3 feet, September, deep clear pink.

Mt. Everest—3-4 feet, white.

Peace—one of the new large flowered, semi-double Asters. This one has flowers of lavender rose about 1½ to 2 inches across.

Plenty—same as Peace only color is real clear blue.

violetta—violet-purple, very profuse, 3 feet, September.

ASTER species

alpellus Triumph—new to us, a large clear heliotrope on 8-10 inch stems with clear orange center. May-June. g.c.

amellus Summertime—18 inches. This marvellous violet blue flower 2-3 inches across belies its name of Summertime here at the nursery for it starts blooming in June and continues through September. g.c.

Frikarti Wonder of Stafa—1-2 feet, covered all summer and autumn with lilac blue large daisies, cut to ground after flowering, g.c. — \$1.00.

subcaeruleus Star of Wartburg—15 inches. Bright lavender blue flowers 2-3 inches across with intense yellow center. Good cut. May-July. g.c.

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*AUBRIETA—lovely early spring edging plants, bloom profusely, give half shade and plenty of water in summer. Shear lightly after flowering for good foliage rest of year. Good for carpeting spring bulbs.

Mixed seedlings—color range from pale lavender to red, flowers single, semi-double and double. 4's.

Purple Knoll—deep blue-violet. 4's.

Vindictive—rose-red, the nearest red we've had so far. 4's.

BAPTISIA *australis*—common in the Middle West and East this is the first time we have had this plant. Supposed to be tall to 4 feet with deep blue pea-shaped flowers. g.c.

*CAMPANULA—profuse blue or white flowers, star shaped, or cup shaped, ranging in height from trailing dwarf to 4 to 6 feet, summer and fall, light shade or sun.

TRAILING—

Fanny Senior—a hybrid of *fragilis* with soft blue flowers, summer. 4's.

fragilis—pale blue, star. 4's.

isophylla—star shaped light blue. 4's.

isophylla alba—star shaped white. 4's.

isophylla Mayii—star shaped light blue with grey foliage. 4's.

DWARF—

carpatica—cup shaped blue. 4's.

carpatica alba—white form. 4's.

Cullinmore—improved hybrid form of *carpatica* in various shades of blue. Summer. 4's.

Portenschlagiana (muralis)—Dwarf, purple-blue bells, excellent edging plant. g.c. Flats \$4.80.

pseudo-Raineri—6 inches, small bright green foliage and dainty small blue bells all summer. Limited quantity. 4's — 75c.

Miranda alba—6 inches, with small white bells in profusion all summer. Very delicate in quality but strong and hardy. Limited quantity. 4's — 75c.

TALLER FORMS—

persicifolia alba—3 foot white cup shaped, sure to bloom. g.c.

persicifolia Telham Beauty (true form)—immense wide cups of china blue, outstanding, 3 feet, April-June. Divide about every third year. g.c.

poscharskyana—1 foot, blue starry spikes. 4's.

pyramidalis—6 feet, starry spikes of blue. g.c. 1954.

pyramidalis alba—same as above only white, g.c. 1954.

*CALCEOLARIA (variety not known)—this is a charming addition to the semi-shaded area, about 2 feet tall and wide, evergreen, with profuse $\frac{3}{4}$ inch slipper flowers. Comes in both yellow and bronze. 4's.

John Innes—an English import with rosettes of foliage and clear yellow 1 inch slipper flowers about a foot in height. Choice. 4's.

CARNATIONS—good outdoor types. We have two good reds this year with large flowers. g.c. — \$1.00.

Will Rogers—deep dark velvet red.

Baldwin Red—light fire red.

COTTAGE CARNATIONS—new race of hardy carnations, grassy foliage, spicily fragrant, June-October, 2-2½ inch flowers on 15 inch sturdy stems. These are excellent garden subjects. g.c. — \$1.00.

Glistening White and White Reserve—both good. We will keep the best one. Give us your advice.

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CARNATIONS—Continued

Pink Princess—very free flowering, fragrant rose pink.

Salmon Unique—a good clean mid pink in spite of its name. Very good form and habit.

Sweet Memory—best all-around one of the lot. Pure white, large, scented flowers with crimson maroon spots in center on sturdy 15 inch stems. Neat foliage tufts too.

Sylvia—pale rose-pink edged silvery white.

CATANANCHE *coerulea*—a much neglected perennial straw flower. Rosettes of foliage from which rise many 15 inch naked stems with blue flowers 1 inch or more across. Good cut and may be dried for winter bouquets. White form too. g.c.

CENTAUREA *candidissima* (Dusty Miller) — (Also see "Senecio.") —thick silvery white foliage, to 18 inches, g.c. — \$1.00.

montana—2 ft., spidery violet blue cornflowers all summer from rosettes of greyish foliage. Fine cut. g.c.

†**CERASTIUM** *tomentosum* ("Snow-in-Summer") —dwarf, small grey foliage, profuse white bloom in summer, good ground cover, shear severely after flowering. Fts.

CERATOSTIGMA—one of the best fall blues, good reddish autumn color in foliage.

†**plumbaginoides*—hardy, 1 foot, ground cover, shade. g.c.

Willmottianum—2 feet, a bushy type which should have a mound of leaves at base in cold climates. Blooms profusely in fall with lovely true deep blue small flowers all along stems. g.c.

†**CHAMOMILE**—ground cover, light green creeping and spreading mossy effect, may be walked on as much as lawn and gives off aromatic fragrance. Must be cut and rolled a few times a year to look well. Fts. — \$4.00.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS—Our policy is to grow only a few varieties, not necessarily new, which we consider choice. 4's

TALL ONES—Decorative in the garden or as cut flowers:

Buff Quill.

Chinese Gold.

Creamy white Quill.

Garnet King—deep velvety red, very large.

Mason's Red—semi-double, bronze red.

Pink Quill.

DWARF SINGLES AND CUSHIONS:

Astrid—one of new Northland daisies, single apricot pink, 2 ft.

Champion Cushion—deep reddish bronze.

Crimson Champion—wine red.

Golden Carpet—creeping habit, not more than 1 foot, golden yellow pompon flowers.

Good Morning—light yellow Northland daisy, 2 ft.

CHRYSANTHEMUM *maximum* (Shasta Daisy) —profuse white daisy flowers summer and fall, good cut.

var. Beaute Nivelloise—2-2½ feet, fringed double petalled white up to 7 inches across, very fine, g.c.

var. Esther Read—1-1½ feet, double crested white. g.c.

var. G. Marconi—fully double fringed large flowers, 2-3 feet. g.c.

var. Chiffon—2 feet, fringed, quilled and curled petals give very fluffy effect. g.c.

CHRYSANTHEMUM *Mawii*—to 1½ feet, most charming with green cut-leaf foliage, literally covered with dusty pink daisies from April to Nov. 4's.

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CLEMATIS—CLIMBING TYPE:

- Armandii*—evergreen, vigorous climber to 20 feet or more, pure white fragrant flowers in clusters in spring. g.c. — \$3.50.
Henryi—deciduous, climbing to 10 feet, huge 6 inch white blooms, 2-3 times a year if cut back after each flowering. Cut to ground early spring. g.c. — \$2.00.
Jackmanni—deciduous, climbing to 10 feet or more, purple flowers 2-3 times per year if cut back. g.c. — \$2.00.
Mme. Eduouard Andre—deciduous, climbing to 8 feet, lovely rich red flowers. g.c. — \$2.00.
Nellie Moser—deciduous, 8-10 feet, large flowers orchid-colored with a deep rose bar down center of each petal. g.c. — \$2.00.
Ramona—deciduous, climbing to 10 feet or more, large pale blue flowers 2-3 times a year if treated like *Henryi*. g.c. — \$2.00.
Clematis culture—good drainage, cut back deciduous ones to within 8 inches of ground for second and third crop of flowers—feed when cut back with a good all-round general fertilizer.

CLEMATIS—HERBACEOUS TYPE:

- integrifolia*—2 feet, June-July, deep blue tubular flowers, deliciously fragrant, followed by ornamental seed heads. 4's — 80c.

CONVOLVULUS—

- Cneorum*—2 feet, silvery-grey foliage and profuse pure white flowers one inch across all over the shrub June-October, drought resistant. g.c. — \$1.20.
mauritanicus—trailer, profuse lavender-blue flowers, May-Oct. g.c.

- **CYCLAMEN neapolitanum*—hardy, dainty miniature cyclamen, flowers in fall are pink and white. Lovely marbled foliage most of rest of year. Shade. 4's — 85c.

DELPHINIUM (Vetterle & Reinelt Strain)—It is our policy to carry a few Delphinium in gallon cans for the benefit of those who wish to select exact colors. g.c.

DIANTHUS—all low growing, profuse bloom, long season. 4's — 75c.

glacialis albus—tiny needle-like green tufts and white fragrant flowers, 6 inches.

latifolius Beatrix—pink double flowers in clusters for 9 months. Must be established to bloom well. Shear back in October or November half of green foliage to prevent straggly plants.

latifolius Beatrix alba—white form of above.

Mrs. Dina Weller—very compact growth covered with lavender-pink flowers with much deeper center ring, 6-inch, blooms May and June.

Peggy—this is one you must have. Soft pink semi-double flowers and blue-grey foliage, 12 inches. Blooms March-November.

Purity—a good companion to the above. Double pure white flowers, 12 inches.

Rose Cushion—a miniature with quantities of tiny pinks 4 inches above cushions of foliage.

Tiny Rubies—4-5 inch stems of rose pink carnation-like flowers. Striking.

Wallace Red—we have a good stock of this sensational new Dianthus. 10 inches, in bloom April-November, brilliant crimson red double flowers of good size and substance, compact growth of blue-grey foliage.

- **DICENTRA formosa Sweetheart*—12-15 inches, everblooming white bleeding heart, fragrant, shade. g.c. — \$1.25.

spectabilis—the old fashioned bleeding heart. g.c. — \$1.00.

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DIMORPHOTHECA

ecklonis—2-3 feet,
profuse single
white daisies with
blue center and
mauve reverse, 3
inches across,
blooms most all
the time, but
tender, less so
when woody. g.c.



CYCLAMEN—See Page 8

DIPLACUS hybrids—these native plants are rather like a Penstemon in habit and are probably slightly tender, especially when young. They range from pure white through beige, pink, salmon, to deep wine red. They bloom freely and constantly through summer and fall and should be sheared halfway in the fall. g.c.

ECHINACEA (formerly Rudbeckia) *purpurea*

Golden Storm—2-2½ ft., this is comparatively new and very good, with masses of golden yellow flowers and a heavy central cone of sooty black in early fall, good cut. g.c.

The King—Large 4 inch star-like dusty rose flowers with dark central cone on 4-5 foot stiff stems, excellent cut, sun. Gives a distinctly stylized and modernistic effect. g.c.

White Lustre—2-3 ft., pure white starlike flowers with dark central cone. Established plants have 10-15 stalks. g.c.

ERIGERON *Wuppertal*—New. By all odds the best Erigeron we've seen—larger flowers, more distinct blue lavender. 1½-2 feet, good cut. g.c.

ERIOGONUM—*Wild Buckwheat*—This group of drought resistant native plants should be used more. We have limited stock of 6 or 8 varieties; some have been tried out here, others have not. As a group most have interesting greyish foliage and various types of flowers—pinks, yellows, reds, whites, many of which are excellent for winter bouquets and flower arrangements. g.c. — \$1.00.

ERYSIMUM *Menziesii*—admired by all who saw it last year. Starts bloom in January and continues until very cold weather. Keep seed pods cut. The plant makes a mound 1 foot high and wide and covers itself with fragrant, creamy chartreuse flowers. 4's.

pulchellum—lovely bright green foliage and bright yellow flowers. 6-8 inches, spring. 4's.

*†EUPHORBIA *myrsinites*—spreading and trailing, with striking blue-green stiff foliage and chartreuse flower heads in spring and summer. Sun or part shade. g.c.

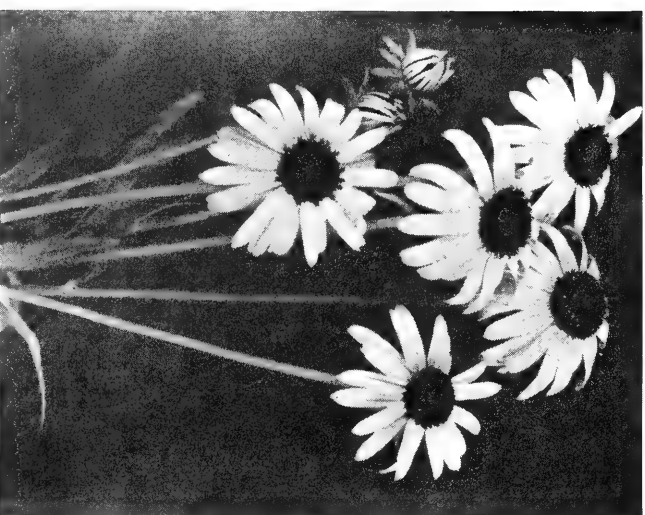
FELICIA *aethiopica* (blue marguerite) ±1½ ft. high and about 3 ft. spread. This is a distinct improvement over the old pale blue Felicia. A pure mid-blue daisy about size of a quarter in profusion April to Oct. 4's.

†FESTUCA *ovina* var. *glauca*—excellent blue-grey ornamental grass to 8 inches. Can be used as specimen accent or for ground cover. Fairly drought-resistant. Fts. — \$4.50.

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SINGLE HELIANTHEMUM



(RUDEBECKIA) GOLDEN STORM—See Page 9

†FRAGARIA *chilensis*—strawberry ground cover with large 1 inch white flowers, sun or shade. Flats.

*FRANCOA *ramosa*—white or faintly tinged pink long thin spikes, to 2 feet, in summer, from good evergreen basal rosettes of leaves, shade. g.c.

GALLARDA *grandiflora*—2 feet, cuts well, profuse bloom April to November. Variety *Burgundy* comes from seed and is not entirely true to color but all are good, full sun. g.c.
Burgundy—deep wine-red.
Sun-God—pure yellow, very free blooming.

GAZANIA *Copper King*—huge orange red flowers in winter and again in summer, grey green much cut foliage a very handsome plant. g.c. — \$1.00.
Hybrids—large-flowered in shades of yellows, roses, bronzes, with interesting markings at base of petals. g.c.
Pine Yellow—with no central zone, very large long-stemmed flowers. g.c.

†GENISTA *tinctoria fl. pl.*—at last we have a good stock of this fine creeping or trailing plant. Not over 10 inches high, it spreads for 3-4 feet flat on the ground, is semi-deciduous, and in spring is literally smothered in golden-yellow flowers. g.c. — \$1.00.

GLAUCIUM *flavum*—an excellent orange-yellow poppy, makes a spread of 3 feet and is about 2½ feet tall, glaucous foliage, g.c.

GONOSPERMUM (*rammensis?*)—variety name doubtful. This is a very lovely grey foliage plant with ferny leaves, to 3 feet, slightly tender to frost. g.c. — \$1.00.

GYPSOPHILA—
Bristol Fairy—graceful airy mounds of double white flowers. May and June, excellent cut flower, to 3 feet high and wide. g.c. — \$1.00.
repens Bodgeri Rosy Veil—dwarf double pink to 15 inches all summer. †s. *repens rosea*—very flat with dainty single pink tiny flowers in profusion, May-October. †s.

†HELIANTHEMUM—Mostly prostrate evergreen shrublets, blooming profusely in April and May, most drop day's bloom by noon except where noted, good for banks, edging, ground cover, shear severely after flowering. †s. Fls. to order only — \$6.00.
alpininum var. roseum—very grey foliage, soft rose flowers.
Apricot—rose-peach, prostrate, bright green foliage.
Apricot double—new, lovely double apricot flowers, bright shiny green foliage.

Ben Nevis—flattest grower of all and slower, deep yellow with dark center.
Boule de Feu (Fireball)—double red, blooms last all day and have longer season.

Ball of Gold—same as above only double yellow.
Brunette—pale dusky red, deep scarlet center.
Buttercup—clear golden-yellow, bright light green foliage, this one holds bloom all day.

Goldilocks—largest blooms of all, bright yellow, medium grey foliage.
Saint Mary's—pure white.
Seattle—bronze.
Stanford—cardinal-red.

Sunlite—new, bright green shiny foliage and lovely large sunny yellow flowers. Stock limited.
Wistley Primrose—lovely large pale primrose yellow flowers, medium grey foliage.

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DOUBLE HELIANTHEMUM



HELIANTHEMUM



HELLEBORUS ORIENTALIS HYBRIDS

HELENIUM *Riverton Gem*—old gold. Excellent tall-growing late-blooming plant, good cut, 3-4 feet. g.c.

Moorheim Beauty—2-2½ ft., reddish bronze flowers with distinct central cone, fall. g.c.

HELIOTROPE *Black Beauty*—definitely a pot plant needing greenhouse protection with us in winter, but stunning with its deep violet purple flowers and dark green foliage. 4's.

*HELLEBORUS *lividus* (corsicus)—2½ ft. high and wide, an interesting plant with stiff prickly edged blue green evergreen foliage and creamy chartreuse flowers in early spring. Part shade. g.c.—\$1.25.

orientalis hybrids—to 1½ ft. Similar to ordinary Christmas Rose, but flowers start anytime from November to March—color range from pure white through pale to deep pink, reddish and purple. Foliage evergreen. g.c.—\$1.50.

foetidus—not available until 1954. Dark green leathery leaves much divided and red tipped greenish flowers. A very handsome evergreen plant for shade.

*HEMEROCALLIS (Day lilies)—shade or sun, any soil.

Some years ago we got from the East the entire collection of one of the hybridizers who has been working on Day-Lilies. He has achieved a remarkable color range from deep bronzy reds, flame reds, yellows of all shades and various combinations of these. The day lily is not only beautiful but very hardy and vigorous. Unfortunately, we have lost the names on this collection, so come out in May and June and select when in bloom. Heights from 1½ to 3 feet, sun or partial shade. One named variety not in this collection—HYPERION—incomparably the best pale yellow, huge, fragrant, good cut. HYPERION g.c.—\$1.20. Others g.c.



HEMEROCALLIS

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*HEUCHERA (Coral Bells)

sanguinea hybrids—excellent color range from softest pink to red. Flowers on stems 1-1½ feet from evergreen foliage rosettes. Part shade or sun. Late spring. 4's.

Perry's White—creamy to pure white bells, combines well with red. 4's.

HUNNEMANIA *fumariaefolia Sunlite* (Mexican Tulip poppy)—to 2 feet, glaucous foliage and large cup-shaped yellow flowers to 3 inches across, sun and drainage. Like all poppies it does not like to be moved. g.c.

†*HYPERICUM *coris*—one of the St. Johnsworts and in our opinion the best for ground cover. Neat tiny green leaves and profuse large yellow flowers in April-June, height 2 inches. Flats — \$4.00.

IBERIS—to 1 foot, evergreen dark green foliage, profuse early spring bloomers, good cut.

sempervirens—pure white, spreading. 4's.

Sempervirens Little Cushion—very compact little cushion-like balls, covered with white flowers in early spring. 4's.

sempervirens Purity—dwarf compact plants completely covered in spring with large flowers of purest white, foliage evergreen. 4's.

sempervirens Snowflake—more compact, larger white flower. 4's.

IRIS *innominata*—This charming native iris blooms in spring, height 15 inches, flower color shades of yellow and lavender. 4's — 80c.

*†IVY (Hedera)—English, variegated, small leaved types for shade or sun, use for ground covers, vines, pot plants.

FOR GROUND COVER:

English—Flats of 100 — \$7.50; Rooted plants per 100 — \$7.00.

English variegated—g.c. — \$1.10.

Hahn's—Fts. — \$7.50.

FOR POT PLANTS AND CLIMBERS:

Algerian—g.c. — \$1.25.

Fluffy Ruffles—4's — 75c.

Fan—4's — 75c.

Oak Leaf—g.c. — \$1.25.

Many others—in g.c. and 4's at similar prices.

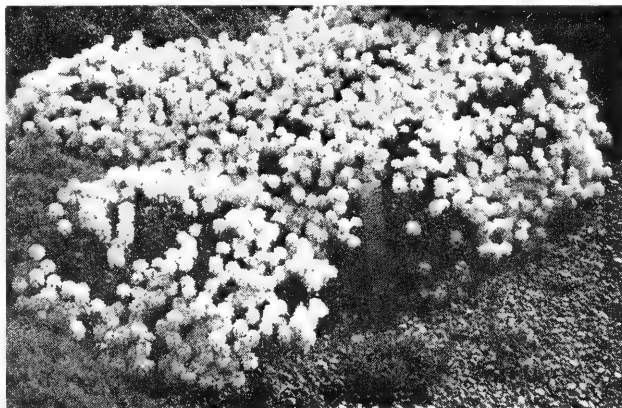
§LAVANDULA *officinalis* (English)—grey foliage, fragrant flowers. Aromatic fragrant lavender-blue flowers. 3's g.c. — \$1.20.

officinalis (Munstead strain)—this is the dwarf English lavender. Very useful where space is limited and for tubs, etc. g.c. — \$1.20.

officinalis (Carroll's Variety)—very grey almost white compact foliage and bright blue lavender spikes, fragrant, unusual. g.c. — \$1.20.

LINUM *flavum*—12 inches, the lovely yellow flax, blooms freely April-June. g.c.

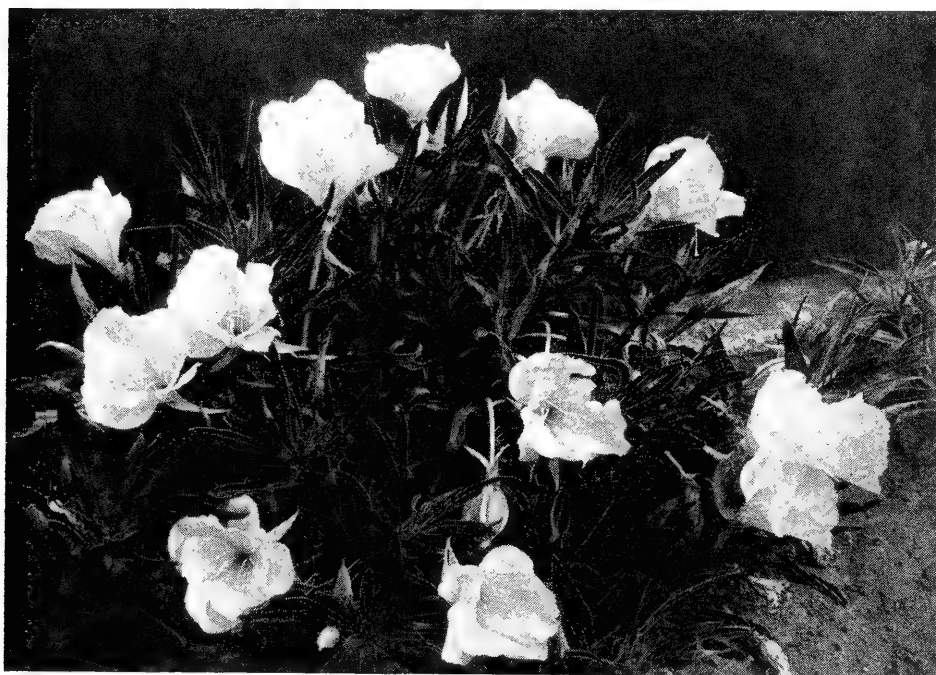
narbonense (Blue Flax)—2 feet, summer, azure-blue flowers, remain open all day. g.c.



Dazzling Snowbanks . . . IBERIS

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- *LIRIOPE—excellent grass-like evergreen foliage and spikes of flowers in September resembling grape hyacinth. Good for edgings or ground cover in shade or sun. We have a limited quantity of a white and a blue form. In 1954 we hope to have sufficient quantity for flats. 4's, g.c.
- *LOBELIA *fulgens*—to 5 feet, sun or shade, brilliant scarlet flowers above reddish bronze stems and foliage, summer and early fall. g.c.
- †LOTUS *corniculatus fl pl.*—to 2 inches, trailing, sun and plenty of water, bright yellow pea-flowers. 4's.
Bertholottii—green stems and needle-like leaves with slight grey cast, flowers pea-shaped orange scarlet, used for hanging basket where it is effective even out of flower. Tender. 4's.
- LYNCHNIS (?) *double pink*—this name may not be correct, but the plant is very good. Rosettes of foliage with foot high flower stalks with several double pink flowers. Blooms almost constantly. New. Stock limited. 4's.
- †*LYSIMACHIA *nummularia*—leafy trailing stems of emerald green, flowers like little yellow primroses in June-August. Ground cover for shade, plenty of water, tops may winter kill in cold spells, but plant is hardy. 4's.
- LYTHRUM *superbum Morden's Pink*—3-3½ feet. Masses of rose pink flowers on narrow spikes. This is an excellent cut flower and blooms June-October. Full sun. g.c.
- §MAJORANA *hortensis* (Pot Marjoram)—famous cooking herb. Rather handsome, 1 ft, small shrub. 3's.
- †MALVASTRUM *coccineum*—to 1 ft., foliage like a wild Geranium and bright coral flowers most of the year. We have found this plant to be extremely drought resistant and recommend it for banks. Spread about 4 feet. g.c.
- MATRICARIA *Golden Ball* (Chrysanthemum Parthenium)—A dwarf to 18 inches with double yellow button flowers in profusion in summer and fall. Does not seed itself all over like common feverfew. g.c.



OENOTHERA MISSOURIENSIS

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§MELISSA *officinalis* (Lemon Balm)—2 feet, delicious lemon-scented herb for teas and beverages. Sun and part shade. 3's.

*§MENTHA or MINT—used in teas and cooling beverages, all except *Requienii* are likely to be invasive. All like moisture and will do well in shade. 3's. *Requienii*—tiny leaves, ground cover but slow. Freezes out but reseeds. *spicata*—spearmint.

§NEPETA—

missini—trailer, April-November, profuse lavender-blue spikes. Shear after flowering for further bloom. Flats, g.c.

Souvenir Andre Chaudron—to 1½ feet. An excellent upright Nepeta with deep blue spikes and green foliage. g.c.

†NIEREMBERGIA *rivularis*—3-4 inches, white cup-shaped flowers in profusion in summer. Dies back in cold winters, but comes back in spring. Flats — \$5.00.

OENOTHERA—

missouriensis—prostrate stems to 2 feet wide and 10 inches high with lovely clear yellow flowers 3-5 inches across, in profusion. g.c.

Youngii—2 feet, June-August, reddish stems, good green foliage and a profusion of bright yellow flowers about 1-1½ inches across. g.c.

§SORIGANUM *vulgare*—Oregano or Wild Marjoram—Used in place of pot marjoram by many in California cookery. 2½'s.

§PELARGONIUM—scented ones only. These are all attractive plants to look at as well as to smell. 4's — 75c.

Lemon scented—*Pelargonium crispum Prince Rupert*—crinkly crisp yellow variegated leaves, small pink flowers.

Lime scented—toothed, roundish medium green stiff foliage.

Peppermint scented—*Pelargonium tomentosum*—makes a large spreading plant with large grey woolly leaves, very handsome.

Pungent Peppermint—very strong odor as the name implies and with leaves much like Rose scented.

Rose scented—*Pelargonium graveolens*—cut leaved foliage.

PENSTEMON—indispensable, bloom April-frost, spikes of foxglove-like tubular flowers. g.c.

GLOXINIODES SELECTIONS:

Appleblossom.

Deep pink.

Peach.

OTHERS:

Blue Bedder—spreading, prostrate with blue to lavender flowers.

Firebird—3 feet, fire red.

Garnet—2-2½ feet, garnet red.

Rose Elf—new. Smaller flowers than the other types listed, of a lovely coral-pink on erect stems 1½-2 feet. This one, unlike any others listed, may be divided. Blooms summer and fall profusely. Everyone who saw this in bloom at the nursery fell for it. g.c.

PHLOX *paniculata*—We will continue to have a small selection of colors for those who wish to try Phlox here—they rarely do as well here as in the East due to our long dry summers. Give them light shade, rich soil and plenty of food and water. b.r. — 60c.

PHLOX *subulata* or *nivalis* (Moss pink, Trailing Phlox, or Dwarf Phlox)—all need perfect drainage and to be cut back ½ after flowering. A light top dressing of gritty loam is good, too. 4's — 75c.

Camla—10 inches or less, bright rose pink, profuse, spring.

Bridesmaid—4-6 inches, imported from Canada, lovely soft pink.

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PHYSOSTEGIA *Summer Glow*—4 feet, June-August, 18 inch spikes of lavender-rose flowers, glistening green foliage, g.c.

Summer Snow—3 feet, June-August, pure glistening white, both this and above are good cut. g.c.

Vivid—dwarf to 2 feet, good rose pink, sturdy stems. g.c.

PLATYCODON (Chinese Bellflower) — rather like the Campanula, flowers in shades of blue and white, all summer. Must be established to do well. g.c.

grandiflorum — clear deep violet blue, to 2½ ft.

grandiflorum album—white form of above.

grandiflorum Shell Pink—lovely pale pink cups with deeper veining.

grandiflorum double white.

grandiflorum double blue.



Purest White and Richest Green—PHYSOSTEGIA

***POLEMONIUM** *Blue Pearl*—6-8 inches, dwarf Jacob's Ladder. Truly charming with lovely bright green ferny foliage and light blue flowers in late spring. Shade or sun. 4's

POTENTILLA—relatives of the strawberry family, attractive for edging.

argentea calabra—rather compact low plants with silvery small leaves and creamy yellow flowers in spring. Effective even out of bloom. 4's — 80c.

cinerea—2-4 inches, a dainty tufted creeper with butter-yellow stemless flowers in spring and summer. 4's.

variety unknown—raspberry flowers in summer, to 1 foot. 4's.

PYRETHRUM *roseum* (Painted Daisy) —A handsome plant with ferny foliage and single and double flowers in various shades. Excellent cut flower. All of the plants listed below are from seed and do not reach their full glory until second year. g.c.

Single Ruby Red—seedlings only in '53.

Startler—showy single deep crimson rose 3 inches across.

Double Mixed—2 year old plants in shades from white through pink to red. There will be some singles.

***REHMANNIA** *angulata*—one of the most colorful perennials for shade, deep rose tubular flowers in spikes, summer and fall, cut to ground after flowering. g.c.

cream—this cream-colored form of above is most unusual and attractive, blooms from early spring to late fall. g.c.

§ROSMARINUS—

officinalis—true Rosemary for flavoring, evergreen shrub to 2 feet, foliage with greyish cast, flowers lavender in spikes in summer. g.c.

†*officinalis prostratus*—prostrate or trailing form of above. An excellent combination herb and ground cover—one plant will spread 3-4 feet. g.c. — \$1.10. Flats to order only — \$6.00.

†*officinalis prostratus Forrestii*—bright green foliage, light blue flowers, forms mounds. Good ground or bank cover. g.c. — \$1.10. Flats to order only — \$6.00.

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SALVIA (Sage) —Many varieties, some tall, some short, mostly blue or lavender flowers in slender spikes, bloom summer and fall.

azurea grandiflora—light blue flowers, 3-4 feet. g.c.

azurea grandiflora Pitcheri—this is the lovely deep blue, almost Gentian counterpart of the above. g.c.

§*officinalis*—the sweet herb or cooking sage, to 2 feet, somewhat white woolly, purple flowers. 3's.

patens—to 2½ feet, flowers deep blue. 4's.

§**SANTOLINA** *chamaecyparissus* (Lavender Cotton)—stiff shrub to 2 feet high and wide with silvery grey foliage and yellow buttonflowers, mostly used as hedge or for grey foliage accent. Flats — \$4.50. g.c.

virens—similar in growth to above but with bright green foliage and creamy yellow flowers. g.c.

§**SATUREJA** *montana* (pygmaea) (Winter Savory)—neat green subshrub to 12 inches, white flowers. Used for seasoning soups and meat dishes. 3's.

trailing soft pink and *trailing white*—both these have dark green small leaves and twisted twining stems, summer blooming, not over 6 inches. 4's — 75c.

§**SCABIOSA** *caucasica* *House's Hybrids*—to 2½ feet, May-November, excellent cut flower, large lavender and blue flowers on long stems. g.c.

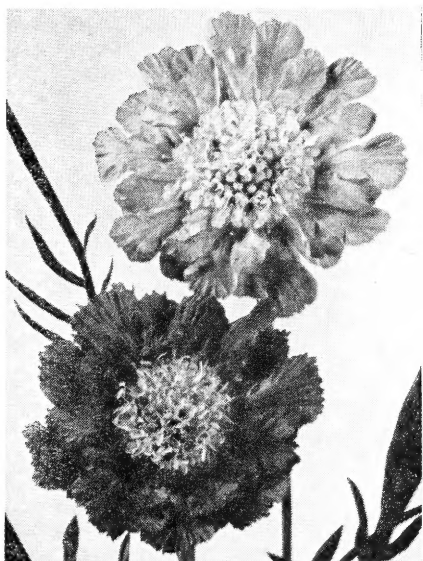
caucasica alba—white form of above. g.c.

pink—probably a form of the sweet Scabious which is generally treated as an annual, but this plant has shown itself very hardy and definitely perennial here. A lovely soft pink, about 2 feet, good cut flower, g.c.

SENECIO *cineraria*—handsome silver grey foliage on 2 foot plants. Good contrast in garden. g.c. — \$1.00.

Greyii—to 4 feet, evergreen grey foliage plant. g.c. — \$1.00.

leuchostachys—to 2 feet with creamy yellow flower heads in summer, foliage very grey to almost white, much cut and divided. One of the handsomest greys. g.c. — \$1.00.



SCABIOSA, CAUCASICA



SALVIA PITCHERI

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†SEDUM *amecanecanum*—dwarf, hardy light green succulent with yellow flowers in spring. Excellent drought-resistant ground cover. Flats.

Sieboldii—dwarf trailer with handsome bluish grey foliage margined red, with rose-pink flowers in August-September. Foliage and stems give excellent ruddy fall coloring. Good pot plant. 4's.

spectabile—fine hardy succulent with light green thick leaves, 1-1½ feet high, flowers soft pink in large flat heads, August-September, part shade or sun. g.c.

spectabile Brilliant—same as above only flower heads brilliant rose-red, excellent with greys or blues. Sun or part shade. g.c.

spathulifolium—plump silvery rosettes and charming yellow flowers in late summer, not over 4 inches. 4's.

spurium—*Dragon's blood*—The buds and stems are bronzy red, bright carmine-red in flower and dark crimson when finished. The plants are completely covered with blooms during July, August and September. The general effect and contrasts created by this Sedum are outstanding. 4's.

SHASTA DAISY—see Chrysanthemum maximum.

SOLIDASTER *luteus*—the cream yellow many-flowered heads resemble small Michaelmas Daisies, 1½ to 2 feet, late summer to fall, needs staking. g.c.

STACHYS *lanata* (Lamb's Ears)—intensely grey woolly large leaves, low-growing. g.c.

STATICE (botanically Limonium) (Sea Lavender)—July-September.

latifolia—1½ feet, lavender-blue sprays of flowers. g.c.

Perezii—2 feet, foliage large and handsome, flower sprays blue, large, closer knit, tender. g.c.

STOKESIA *cyanea* (Stokes Aster)—1-1½ feet, large double lavender-blue flowers in profusion June-September. Good cut. g.c.

§TEUCRIUM *chamaedrys* (Germander)—to 1 foot, glossy green foliage, excellent for low hedge, spikes of rose flowers in fall. Fts., g.c.

†*chamaedrys prostratum*—prostrate form of the above with creeping stems and soft pink flowers in early fall. An excellent and attractive ground cover. Stock limited. g.c.

*THALICTRUM—soft fern-like foliage, shade or sun and plenty of moisture. All are excellent cut.

aquilegifolium—a much sturdier plant than dipterocarpum with close heads of flowers from almost white to deep purple. Not available until 1954.

dipterocarpum—3-4 feet, graceful tall plant for shade, flowers in airy sprays of lilac-mauve from July-October. 4's.

THERMOPSIS *caroliniana*—showy graceful plants to 4 feet, with handsome locust like leaves and willowy canes bearing large spikes of golden yellow lupine-like flowers. g.c.

†§THYMUS (Thyme)—creeping and sub-shrubby useful plants for ground covers, walls, banks. Full sun. 3's, Flats (on order only) — \$6.00.

SHRUBBY:

serpyllum argenteus—silver variegated, turns deep ruddy color in winter.

vulgaris—the regular cooking thyme, a neat small leaved shrublet to 8 inches with lavender flowers.

TRAILING AND CREEPING:

serpyllum (Mother of Thyme)—to 6 inches, lavender-blue flowers in summer, good for flavoring.

serpyllum albus—2 inches, very flat, white flowers.

serpyllum coccineus—2-3 inches, bright carmine-red flowers.

serpyllum lanuginosus—2-3 inches, grey woolly foliage, very flat, seldom flowers.

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TRACHELIUM *coeruleum*—to 2 feet, an old-timer too long neglected with large heads of blue flowers in late summer. May not survive severe frosts such as winter of 1948-49. g.c.

TRADESCANTIA—See back cover.

†VERBENA *pulchella* (*Verbena erinoides*)—purple-blue verbena heads all summer and fall, good ground cover, does not winter-kill, but may look shabby in cold winters. Available after May first. 4's.

pulchella Maonetti—rose-pink, candy striped white. 4's.

venosa—a very tough, stiff, purple flowered Verbena to 1 foot. Will survive drought and neglect and still look neat and vigorous. Blooms most of year. g.c.

VERONICA—Some of our most effective blue-flowering plants. Foliage clean and attractive, shear flower spikes as finished for additional bloom.

Blue Spire—2-2½ feet, glorious dark blue spikes in summer. g.c.

Crater Lake Blue—to 1½ feet, intense "Crater Lake" blue, late spring and summer. 4's.

holophylla littoralis—to 1½ feet, large shining green foliage and fat spikes of intense indigo blue, one of the most interesting we have seen. g.c.

Icicle—2-2½ feet with clean light green foliage and spikes of shining white flowers summer and fall. An excellent addition to the Veronica clan. g.c.

incana—silvery rosettes of foliage, blue spikes. g.c.

rupestris—creeping, to 6 inches, pale-blue spikes. 4's.

spicata—1½-2 feet, spikes of lilac blue in summer, sun, divide every two years. g.c.

teucrium Sky Blue—neat emerald green foliage, with 10-12 inch stems bearing spires of pure sky-blue. 4's.

†VINCA *minor* (Periwinkle or dwarf myrtle)—evergreen ground cover for sun or shade with glossy foliage. Should be sheared (actually almost peeled) to ground once a year in late fall or early spring. Light blue flowers in profusion in spring come on new growth. b.r. — 8c ea.

minor alpina—light green foliage and semi-double wine-red flowers. Needs some shade for best development. On order only.

minor Bowles' Variety—broader foliage and larger deeper blue flowers. Stock limited. g.c.

VIOLETS—

1. *alpinus*—a charming miniature violet, profuse lavender blue flowers in late spring—whole plant not more than 2 inches high. 4's — 75c.

2. *odorata*

a. wine-red form, not fragrant. 4's.

b. double blue form—fragrant. Marie Louise. 4's.

c. semi-double blue form—fragrant. Lady Lloyd George. 4's.

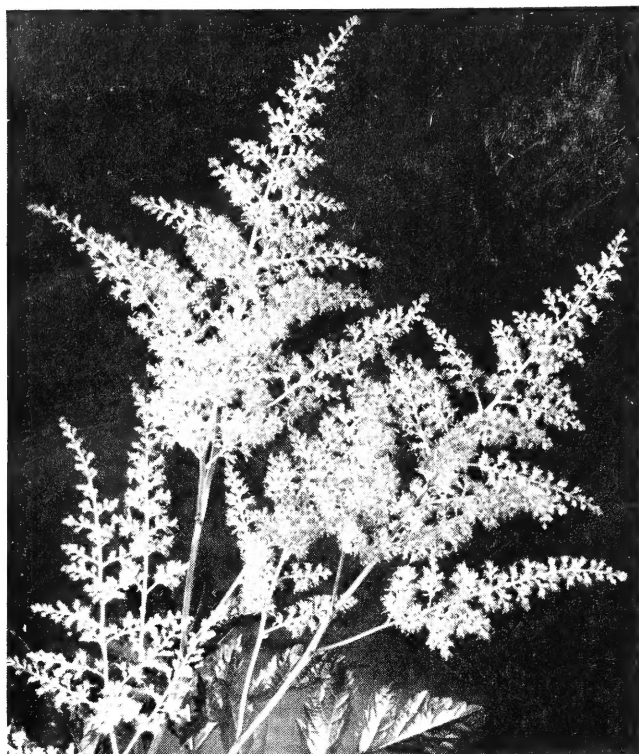
3. *priceana* (Confederate)—flowers white, large, veined heavily with lilac mauve. 4's.

ZAUSCHNERIA (California Fuchsia) —

californica—2 feet of dense foliage masses covered in fall with brilliant scarlet fuchsia shaped flowers. g.c.

latifolia Etteri—A California native of great merit. Handsome silvery grey foliage and the typical scarlet fuchsia-like flowers in August. Very prostrate and very striking. 4's — 75c.

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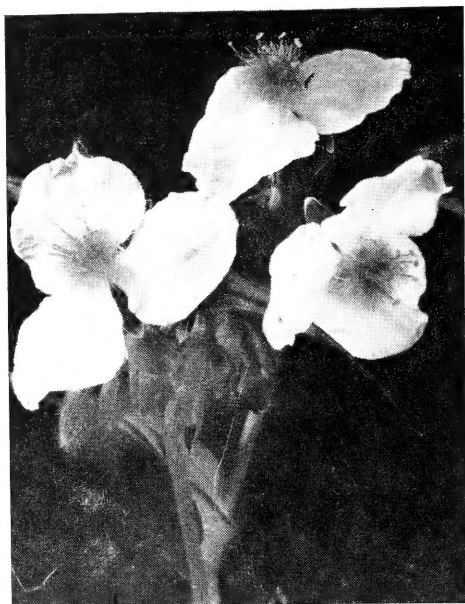


ASTILBE

*TRADESCANTIA—to 1½ feet, narrow-bladed foliage and dense umbels of flowers all summer and fall, part shade. g.c.

Blue Stone—soft, rich medium blue.

Purple Dome—deepest of all glowing violet.



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